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SUBJ: MINISTRY REQUESTS US SPORTS ASSISTANCE

1. AMBASSADOR RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER JUNE 13 FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY OF SPORTS:

2. QUOTE. YOUR EXCELLENCY, I AM PLEASED TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH YOUR EMBASSY A NEW INITIATIVE WITH SPORTS AND YOUTH AUTHORITIES IN YOUR COUNTRY.

QUOTE. THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS IS HONORED TO INFORM YOU THAT IT HAS PREPARED A PROGRAM FOR GROUPS OF YOUNG PLAYERS (12-15 YEARS OF AGE) TO BE TRAINED IN TENNIS AND SWIMMING IN SOME COUNTRIES OF MORE ADVANCED EXPERIENCE IN THESE GAMES. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PLAYERS WOULD BE FOUR PERSONS PLUS ONE COACH TO ACCOMPANY THEM. THE FAVORABLE TIME WILL BE DURING SUMMER SEASON (BEGINNING 7 JULY) AND DURATION OF TRAINING WILL NOT EXCEED MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS.

QUOTE. ACTUALLY, THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS TRAINING PROGRAM IS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES AND PROMOTE THEIR STANDARDS. I AM SURE YOUR PLAYERS WILL EQUIP OUR YOUNG PLAYERS WITH ADEQUATE AND ADVANCED TRAINING.
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QUOTE. I SHALL BE MUCH GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD TRANSMIT THE CONTENT OF THIS LETTER TO THE AUTHORITIES CONCERRNED IS SPORTS AND YOUTH AFFAIRS IN YOUR COUNTRY. KINDLY CONFIRM THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE AUTHORITIES OF EXTENDING INVITATIONS, I.E., TRAVELING EXPENSES, ETC. TO THOSE YOUNG PLAYERS".

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3. ON RECEIPT LETTER, PAO MET WITH DIRECTOR-GENERAL JUNE 14
AND HE CONFIRMED REQUEST. HE ADDZD, NO DOUBT FOR BENEFIT OF
LISTENERS SEEN AND UNSEEN, THAT HE HAD SENT SIMILAR LETTERS
TO OTHER EMBASSIES.

4. POST ATTACHES HIGH PRIORITY TO THIS REQUEST AND URGES
DEPARTMENT GIVE IT ITS MOST SERIOUS AND PROMPT CONSIDERATION,
DESPITE LATENESS OF NOTICE. THIS IS WAY THINGS WORK SOMETIMES
IN SOMALIA, AND, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, PROBABLY REPRESENTEM
BEST DIRECTOR-GENERAL COULD DO.

5. POST BELIEVES POSITIVE US RESPONSE TO REQUEST IS WARRANTED
FOR FOLLOWING REASONS: (A) IT IS IN US INTERESTS TO ENCOURAGE
GSDR TO DIVERSIFY ITS TECHNICAL AND CULTURAL CONTACTS. (B) IT
SQUARELY SUPPORTS PROPOSALS MADE IN COUNTRY PLAN PROPOSALS FOR
PAST FEW YEARS, INCLUDING PRESENT ONE. (C) MINISTRY OF SPORTS
HAS LITERALLY "STUCK ITS NECK OUT" OVER PAST THREE YEARS IN
ACCEPTING AND CONTINUING US GRANTEE PROGRAM. WE HAVE SUPPLIED
COACH FOR NATIONAL BASKETBALL TEAM AND PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED
STRIKING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE BENEFITS. ASSOCIATION OF AN AMERICAN
WITH SOMALI GOVERNMENT MINISTRY OVER PAST THREE YEARS WENT AGAINST
GRAIN OF SOMALI NATIONAL POLICY, AND ONLY DIRECTOR GENERAL'S
FAITH IN EFFECTIVENESS US EXPERTISE AND FULFILLMENT THAT FAITH
BY FORMER GRANTEE TOBIAS KEPT PROGRAM ALIVE, DESPITE FORMIDABLE
POLITICAL OBSTACLES. WE SHOULD NOW DEMONSTRATE WITH ACTIONS
WHAT WE HAVE SAID ALL ALONG TO SOMALIS, NAMELY, THAT WE
PREPARED IMPROVE RELATIONS AND THAT SMALL STEPS OF
COOPERATION CAN BE SUCCEEDED BY LARGER ONES. (D) POST HAS
TRIED UNSUCCESSFULLY FOR PAST THREE YEARS TO BROADEN CU
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PROGRAM IN MINISTRY OF SPORTS SO THAT IT IS TRULY A
TWO-WAY EXCHANGE. THIS REQUEST OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY.

6. THE POST REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE SOONEST.

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